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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE MOSCOW 06930, WE HAVE TELEPHONED DIA (DICK LIFE) AND CONFIRMED THAT BOTH TELEGRAMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
 2. FURTHER BACKGROUND ON STATE 89913 ON REVIEW OF STRELET-SKAYA PLANS. KNOOP NOT ABLE TO BLOCK OUT UNDETERMINED TIME FOR KIEV TRIP BECAUSE OF HIS MANY OTHER PROJECTS. FYI: HIS CONTRACT SPECIFIES THAT HE BE GIVEN SIX WEEKS NOTICE FOR TRIP TO KIEV ALTHOUGH HE HAS INDICATED HE WILL BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS HE CAN. REQUEST FOR INTERPRETER IS IN RESPONSE TO FACT THAT ON LAST TRIP KNOOP WAS LEFT COMPLETELY ALONE IN KIEV FOR ONE WHOLE DAY WHICH HE FELT WAS COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME FOR DEPT AND KAP SINCE NO WORK WITH SOVIETS COULD BE DONE. ALSO, HAVING INTERPRETER FAMILIAR WITH TECHNICAL CONSTRUCTION TERMS WILL GREATLY FACILITATE THE RE-
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VIEW. ON APPROVAL PROCESS, EX STANDS READY TO COOPERATE TO FULLEST BUT MUST BE KNOWLEDGABLE OF DETAILS OF REVIEW, PARTICULARLY ANY CHANGES THAT MIGHT AFFECT ADDITIONAL COSTS. UNLESS INORDINATE CHANGES ARE MADE BY SOVIETS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS USED BY OUR FRIENDS, WE ENVISAGE THAT FINAL APPROVAL WILL COME QUICKLY BY TELEPHONE OR IMMEDIATE CABLE, HOPEFULLY WHILE KNOOP IS STILL IN KIEV.

3. ON THE HOUSING QUESTION, WE ARE CONSIDERING YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR A RESPONSE TO KOMPLEKTOV AND FOR DEALING WITH IVANUSHKIN'S "OFFER". AS YOU KNOW, TOLYA IS BACK AND MAY BE HAVING LUNCH HERE TOMORROW. MAYBE HE WILL HAVE SOMETHING FURTHER TO SAY. WE WILL GET YOU A RESPONSE ASAP, BUT IN ANY CASE WE SEE NO DISADVANTAGE TO LETTING THE SOVIETS STEW FOR A WHILE.

4. ON JOHN CONDAYAN'S TRAVEL, YOU CAN IGNORE THE REQUEST TO MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HIM IF TOM'S OFFER TO PUT HIM UP STILL STANDS. JOHN WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO STAY WITH THE TRACYS, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INCONVENIENCE THEM.

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